

Town of Rowe

Board of Selectmen Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022-6:00 p.m. Rowe Town Hall – Hearing Room 1 and Via Remote Participation

Board of Selectmen:

Chair Charles Sokol, Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie, Selectman Ed Silva

Board of Health:

Dan Poplawski, Herb Butzke and Chris Bailey, Clerk

Present:

Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau

Audience:

None

Call to Order: Chair Sokol called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Announcement of recording devices- One

Selectboard Business:

Discuss Annual Town Meeting Date and Location

The location of the Annual Town Meeting and safety precautions required. The Board of Selectmen wanted to hold the Meeting at the Rowe Elementary School gymnasium rather than to hold it outside. There was discussion about the wearing of masks and the school protocol that currently requires mask wearing. The Board of Health had concerns with having the meeting at the school at this time due to the potential of spreading the Covid-19 virus to the largely unvaccinated school population.

Following discussion, it was agreed to hold the meeting on Monday, May 9th starting with the Special Town Meeting at 6:30 pm.

MOTION TO HOLD MEETING: Chair Sokol made a motion to hold the Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022 at the Rowe Fire Station starting at 6:30 p.m. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie, was unanimously accepted. (vote: 3-0-0)

Unforeseen Business (within preceding 48 hours):

Mosquito Opt-Out for 2022:

Board of Health Clerk provided information about the Opt-Out procedures for mosquito spraying that had to be completed and updated for the current year. There was discussion about continuing providing information and joining the Mosquito District. The Board of Selectmen agreed to review in greater detail at their next meeting.

The Board of Selectmen left the meeting with the Board of Health and moved to the Administrative Assistant Office at 6:34 pm.

Unforeseen Business (within preceding 48 hours):

Board Members discussed the Articles presented by the Finance Committee, in Articles 21 to 25 and had problems with the wording presenting that is not specific. They agreed that it should be known ahead of time to educate the voters. They spoke about that it did not seem to provide transparency and that is not reflected the mission.

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The Special Town Meeting Warrant was reviewed.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Chair Sokol made a motion to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant as amended. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie was accepted. (vote: 3-0-0)

Citizen Comments: None

Future Meetings: Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

Adjournment:

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chair Sokol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie, was unanimously accepted. (vote: 3-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

Approval Date:

Approved:

Chuck Sokol, Chair

Ed Silva, Selectman

Jøanne Semanie, Vice-Chair

Documents:

- 1. Agenda April 20, 2022
- 2. FY23 ATM Warrant Draft
- 3. FY23 STM Warrant Draft